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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I have no idea about the Russian method account. Perhaps the hon. Members opposite may be able to enlighten me on that."

Number of wells sunk in North Arcot district.

* 497 *Q*.—

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri D. Dasarathan is not in his place. The answer to this question will be printed in the official proceedings."

SRI D. DASARATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total number of wells constructed by the Government in the North Arcot district during the year 1953 (Rural Water-supply Scheme and the Harijan Welfare Department);

(*b*) how many of them are bore-wells and how many of them are working properly; and

(*c*) the amount spent during the year 1953 for repairing the bore-wells?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) The number of wells sunk in North Arcot district during 1953 is 136 (including one bore-well) under the Rural Water-supply Scheme and 10 under the Harijan Welfare Scheme.

(*b*) In 1953, only one bore-well was sunk up to a depth of 44 feet, and as there was no copious supply of water, the work was ordered to be stopped.

" (*c*) The amount spent during 1953 for the maintenance of the bore-wells in the district is Rs. 10,679–4–6."

Assignment of lands to Vettuvakottai Co-operative Society.

* 498 *Q*.—SRI S. RAMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to bring under cultivation 160 acres of Government poramboke through Vettuvakottai Co-operative Society (Tanjore district, Pattukkottai taluk) by associating 240 landless poor people;

(*b*) if so, whether the land has been assigned in the name of Vettuvakottai Co-operative Society and distributed to its members for reclamation on long-term lease; and

(*c*) if not, what are the reasons for the delay?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) The Vettuvakottai Land Reclamation Co-operative Society has sent up proposals to the Registrar of Co-operative Society for the assignment of Government waste lands measuring 163·58 acres in its favour for being sub-leased to 234 members who are landless poor persons.

" (*b*) Lands have not yet been assigned.